GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1917
ANSWERED ON:10.12.2015
Blocking of NH 58 at Chamoli
Khanduri AVSM Maj. Gen. (Retd) Bhuwan Chandra

Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether traffic on Lambagad stretch in Chamoli on National Highway No. 58 is affected as it frequently gets blocked;

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the steps taken in this regard as it is the only road connecting Badrinath Shrine and important strategic Military establishments on China Border including the number of days this stretch remained blocked during each of the last three years and the current year, year-wise;

(c) whether the Government has prepared any action plan to make this stretch motorable throughout the year in view of its importance from the point of view of its strategic location; and

(d) if so, the details thereof along with the tunnels and/or alternate alignments proposed and funds provided?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

(SHRI PON. RADHAKRISHNAN)

(a) & (b) The Lambagad stretch in Chamoli on National Highway no. 58 (New NH 07) gets damaged frequently due to landslides and heavy rains blocking the movement of traffic. The details regarding number of days for which the stretch remained blocked during last three years and current year, are as follows:

Year No of days
2012 12
2013 76
2014 32
2015 36

(c) & (d) The work of Land slide mitigation to make the stretch motorable throughout the year near Lambagarh at km. 504.309 of NH-58 was sanctioned by the M/o Road Transport & Highways for Rs. 9187.68 lakhs. The State PWD of Uttarakhand has invited the tender. Presently there is no proposal for tunnel and/or alternate alignment. The existing alignment has been proposed for strengthening.
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